

NEW SECRETARY HARD TO FIND

Office on Republican Committee Not Filled.

UNCLE JOE'S FINGER IN PIE

Decided Babcock Must Go in Order to Gain La Follette Support.

There has been a deal of figuring behind the scenes over the organization of the Republican Congressional Committee, and the hand of Uncle Joe Cannon, though it has not been seen very often, has been felt frequently enough.

Uncle Joe decided a long time ago that Babcock must go. In that resolve he was assured of the potent co-operation of the La Follette organization in Wisconsin. There is very high authority for saying that Babcock did not take his name out of consideration in connection with the chairmanship of the committee voluntarily, but because he knew that the Speaker was against him and that nothing could save him. So he retired early and gracefully.

Lately, there has been prodigious worry in the effort to find a secretary. Uncle Joe has taken a part in this quest, too. The post was offered Mr. Overstreet, who declines to serve longer. Then it has been tendered to "Jim" Watson of Indiana, the popular House whip, to "Bert" Dawson, of Iowa, who couldn't take it because his home troubles at home, in a close and normally Democratic district. Then Curtis of Kansas was taken under consideration and given to understand that he could have it if he would, and he, too, declined.

After these come McKinley of Illinois and Davidson of Wisconsin, whose names are under consideration now. They are both men of wealth, which is a decided card in their favor this year, and both are rather more than willing to take the position, which is not so much in their favor, according to the current view. But, anyhow, it is reported that Uncle Joe has put Davidson out of the running by setting his feet down flat in opposition.

The story goes that the Speaker figured out that Davidson, as a political friend of Babcock, would become the representative and agent of the old Babcock regime on the committee, and that was just what he didn't want.

So he made it very plain that Davidson was not to be considered.

The latest report is that Henry Clay Loudenslager of New Jersey is to get the secretaryship. Certain it is that, as to Davidson, the Wisconsin delegation held a meeting on his case and even didn't have the nerve to endorse him because it had become known the Speaker was against him.

HAIR GERM MAKES BOYS GROW BALD SUDDENLY

GENEVA, April 2.—Fifty boys have suddenly become bald in one of the public schools of Basle. They have been isolated by the authorities, and specialists are making an investigation. The doctors say that the cause of the trouble is a disease unknown to the profession.

Some of the experts maintain that it goes to show that baldness is of parasitic origin, that there is a germ of baldness.

HENRY F. BLOUNT GAINS STRENGTH

A telegram from Evansville, Indiana, to the family of Henry F. Blount, last night stated that a slight improvement had been noted in Mr. Blount's condition, although he is not yet out of danger. Mrs. Blount has gone to Evansville.

INDIANS WHO ELOPED CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

CODY, Wyo., April 2.—Ben Long Ear and Mrs. Crooked Arm, the Crow buck and squaw who eloped from the Crow agency in January, have been returned to the reservation by officers.

When they left the agency, Mrs. Crooked Arm took her little papoose and \$200 of her husband's money. Crooked Arm said he did not care for the money, but wanted his papoose back.

Mrs. Long Ear, who was deserted, says she still loves her husband and will gladly take him back.

The couple will be tried on the charge of bigamy. Long Ear is ill from exposure in evading arrest.

"COFFEE JAGS"

The Doctor Named Them Correctly.

Someone said "Coffee never hurts anyone." Enquire of your friends and note their experiences.

A Phila. woman says:

"During the last two or three years I became subject to what the doctor called 'coffee jags' and felt like I have heard men say they feel who have drunk too much rum. It nauseated me, and I felt as though there was nothing but coffee flowing through my veins.

"Coffee agreed well enough for a time, but for a number of years I have known that it was doing me great harm, but, like the rum flog, I thought I could not get along without it. It made me nervous, disordered my digestion, destroyed my sleep and brought on frequent and very distressing headaches.

"When I got what the doctor called a 'coffee jag' on, I would give up drinking it for a few days till my stomach regained a little strength, but I was always fretful and worried and nervous till I was able to resume the use of the drug.

"About a year ago I was persuaded to try Postum, but as I got it in restaurants it was nothing but a sloppy mess, sometimes cold, and always weak, and of course I didn't like it. Finally I prepared some myself, at home, following the directions carefully, and found it delicious. I persevered in its use, quitting the old coffee entirely, and feeling better and better each day, till I found at last, to my great joy, that my ailments had all disappeared and my longing for coffee had come to an end.

"I have heretofore suffered intensely from utter coffee misery, but this summer, using Postum, I have felt fine." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Restaurant cooks rarely prepare Postum Coffee properly. They do not let it boil long enough.

ALBERT HALSTEAD GETS CONSULSHIP

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SUCCESSOR TO HIS BROTHER

Fat Fees of Important Office Will Go to Well-Known Washington Correspondent.



—Photo by Harris-Ewing.

ALBERT HALSTEAD,
The Well-Known Washington Correspondent Who Has Been Appointed Consul at Birmingham, England.

President Roosevelt today sent to the Senate the name of Albert Halstead to be consul at Birmingham, England, to succeed his brother, Marshall Halstead, who has resigned.

The nomination of Mr. Halstead to this important consular post will remove from Washington one of its best known special correspondents. At the present time Mr. Halstead is the Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Standard-Union and the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. He is one of the veteran members of the press gallery, having been here about twelve years. Mr. Halstead first came to Washington as correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial.

One of the Consular Plums.

Birmingham is one of the most important consular posts in Great Britain. The salary paid to our representative there is \$2,500, but the office is lucrative in fees. There are five assistants and agents under the orders of the consul, which testifies to the large amount of work carried on by the office.

Those who know Mr. Halstead predict that he will make an ideal consul. At least one thing is certain. Mr. Halstead's consular reports will read smoothly. His ability as a writer will be the only assurance necessary that they will be all that is desired. Mr. Halstead is pre-eminently fitted for diplomatic work, and it would not be at all surprising to see him occupy a more important position than that of consul.

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ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 2.

Some one entered Joseph Lyle's house, 224 Duke street, extended this morning about 12 o'clock and stole a gold watch, a pair of buckskin gloves, and an Italian knife. The thief effected an entrance into the house by a window on the lower floor and ascending the stairs looted the clothes of Mr. Lyle, who was asleep in bed.

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PRESENT FOR MR. CRUPPER.

The clerks and carriers of the Alexandria postoffice this morning sent Joseph L. Crupper, the retiring postmaster, a handsome candlestick as a token of their esteem. Postmaster Burroughs, who entered upon the discharge of his duties yesterday, was the recipient of several large bunches of flowers from the clerks and carriers.

DEATH OF INFANT.

Lewis B. Pettie, the ten-month-old son of J. F. and Betsey Pettie, died at his parents' home, 529 South Lee street, yesterday. The little one will be buried this afternoon. Interment will be made in the Methodist Protestant Cemetery.

DEATH OF MISS PARK.

Catherine E. Park, daughter of Philip P. and Catherine N. Park, died at the Alexandria Hospital yesterday. Miss Park was thirty-seven years of age and was very popular. Her funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the home of J. M. Tenneson, 507 South Fairfax street.

CHURCHES WELL FILLED.

The churches of Alexandria were all well filled yesterday. At the Methodist Protestant church yesterday Mr. Spidele of Washington delivered an address. Services were held at the First Presbyterian church yesterday on account of repairs being made to the Second Presbyterian church. Mr. Shaugh, of the Union Theological Seminary, preached.

Passion Sunday was observed at St. Mary's church by the draping of the statues and pictures.

COLORED WOMEN FINED.

Blanche Washington, Ann Joron, Herbert Hawkins, and Perry Newby, all colored, were before Justice Harry B. Caton, in the police court this morning, on the charge of disorderly conduct and fighting. They were fined \$10 each. The accused were arrested by Policemen Bell, Beach, Henderson, Garvey and Jones.

ALEXANDRIA ELKS' FAIR.

Alexandria Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, is making arrangements for a fair to be held at Army Hall, in this city, beginning May 14.

HARD COAL MINERS DEAF TO WHISTLES

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row will result in a satisfactory settlement.

Engineers, pumpmen, firemen, fan runners, and a few company men are at work at each colliery keeping the mines in order and they have not been molested.

Stand by Mitchell.
SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 2.—The miners failed to respond to the colliery whistles this morning, and not a coal breaker in this vicinity is turning a wheel today.

The pump runners and engineers, who are allowed in Mitchell's suspension order to remain at the mines and protect the property, were unmolested. The mine workers, as a whole, express the hope that a settlement will be made, but they are determined to a man to stand by Mitchell and the union.

Coal company superintendents here say that no attempt will be made to work the mines with other than their own employees.

Hopeful of Agreement.
TAMAQUA, Pa., April 2.—Following out its declaration of Saturday, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company had all the whistles at its collieries in the Panther Creek Valley blown this morning, but outside of the pump men and firemen not a mine worker or breaker had reported for duty. The entire valley has assumed a holiday appearance.

Groups of men may be found here and there discussing the situation and the conference in New York tomorrow. Few of them believe there will be a strike.

Attempt to Run Falls.
FREELAND, Pa., April 2.—Although the whistles at the mines blew for work as usual this morning, not a pound of coal was shipped. The union men remained away, and as the companies made no effort to bring in imports, there was no trouble. An attempt was made to run a few breakers, but as only repairmen and machinists were on hand, no coal was prepared.

MAHANOT CITY, Pa., April 2.—The suspension order of President Mitchell and the three district presidents was obeyed to the letter at the mines in the Schuylkill region. Not a colliery is in operation.

The breaker whistles blew for work, but no employees except the engineers, firemen, and pump men reported for duty.

Immigrants Suspected To Be Strike-Breakers
The arrival of 25,000 immigrants at Ellis Island last week has created alarm among labor leaders, particularly those in control of the mine workers. The charge has been made that many of the immigrants were being brought to this country in anticipation of a coal strike, and that they will be used as strike-breakers.

No evidence has been adduced to show that the coal operators or their agents had contracts with any of the immigrants. It is hinted, however, that "labor speculators" have paid their passage, given them the required entrance money, and are taking the chances of finding them employment in the mines.

The Immigration Bureau is taking extra precautions to prevent violation of the law, and officials under Commissioner General Sargent are keeping their eyes open for any evidence that would classify the immigrants as "contract laborers."

Inspectors have been sent to Kansas City, Mo., to ascertain the motives which prompted 127 Greeks to go to a single address in Kansas City. Other inspectors have been sent to Indianapolis to learn the purposes of a large number of foreigners who had tickets to one address in that city.

**THAT EVERYBODY DOES IT
NO EXCUSE, SAYS BISHOP**
Deplored the growing tendency of certain Americans to live without daily application of the Ten Commandments, Bishop Johnstone of West Texas made a strong plea for the association of moral principles with religion as the best means of promoting high ideals in life, before a large congregation yesterday afternoon at St. Mark's Church.

Bishop Johnstone condemned the common practice of people who stand high socially in justifying infractions of the eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," by saying that "everybody does it."

**SCOFFED AT LADDER.
THEN HE SAW STARS**
CHICAGO, April 2.—"What's the use of being so pretentious?" said W. W. Hodges as he walked under a ladder at State and Adams streets.

Then he began studying astronomy. He woke up two hours later on an operating table in the hospital. He was told the ladder had dropped and a 200 pound man had fallen on him.

"By thunder, there is something in that superstition," was his only comment.

GEORGETOWN NEWS NOTES
The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary's of the Woods have recently purchased a large addition of ground to their new building near St. Ann's Church, Tenleytown. It is proposed to erect a school building on the new site.

TWO NEW BRIDGES.
Two new bridges are to be erected on the Murdock Mill road, replacing the present structures. Bridge four is to be replaced with a re-enforced concrete bridge at an estimated cost of \$475,000, while bridge six is to be built in a similar manner at an estimated cost of \$750,000.

LAST SERMON OF SERIES.
The Rev. Clarence P. Stealey, pastor of the West Washington Baptist Church, preached last evening the last sermon in his special series on "The Up-to-date Young Man."

PERSONAL.
Mrs. George Hess, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Clara Hess, of 1827 Thirtieth street, are visiting in New York and New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Linger have taken apartments at 3018 O street, where they will reside until the building at 220 N. street, recently purchased by Mr. Linger and now occupied by the Washington Boys' Club, can be converted into flats.

**BLUE HERONS BACK
TO THEIR MEETING PLACE**
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., April 2.—The president of the Nature Club has received a telephone message announcing the arrival of the great blue heron colony at their rookery near Augusta, where they have nested annually for twenty years.

The story of this rookery was recently published in the newspapers in the Eastern States. The rookery will now be the mecca of ornithologists and bird lovers for the remainder of the season.

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WINS HIS SUIT FOR SALARY WHILE HE WAS SUSPENDED

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